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President: Mr. Alessandro Vattani (Italy)

Corrigendum

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Between the second and third full paragraphs insert

On the NPT, nuclear-weapon States and some others are recommending indefinite and unconditional extension of the Treaty. Many others, including my own, in the present situation, do not share this view. My delegation feels that the choice is not simply between an indefinite extension and an extension for a limited period. There exists a middle option between the two. Given the fact that all States parties desire to see the NPT endure and grow stronger, the third option of extension for reasonable and credible periods with a review and automatic renewal mechanism, and with the possibility of stopping the treaty, if the majority of States parties so decide, is an option worthy of serious consideration. Such an option will also be consistent with the provisions in article X, paragraph 2 of the NPT. It would be constructive to work on a modified version of this third option by building into it an appropriate review, automatic renewal and termination mechanism. My delegation will pursue this matter further at the NPT review and extension Conference, to work together with like-minded countries for an appropriate mechanism for this option. I must, however, add that an extensive review of the implementation of the Treaty and progress in crucial areas such as the CTBT and security assurances should precede decisions at the Conference on the extension of the Treaty.

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